

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This claim listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Claim Listing:**

1-22 (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method of providing one or more of the following treatments to a mammal in need of such treatment: UV protection, decrease or alleviation of wrinkles, or stimulating collagen production in a mammal, said method comprising,
- identifying a mammal in need of such treatment, and
- topically applying to said mammal a composition comprising at least 30% L-ascorbic acid, by weight, micronized in an oil selected from caprylic triglycerides, capric triglycerides, isostearic triglycerides, adipic triglycerides, propylene glycol myristyl acetate, lanolin oil, polybutene, isopropyl palmitate, isopropyl myristate, diethyl sebacate, diisopropyl adipate, hexadecyl stearate, cetyl oleate, oleyl alcohol, hexadecyl alcohol, wheatgerm oil, vegetable oils such as castor oil, corn oil, cottonseed oil, olive oil, palm oil, coconut oil, palm kernel oil, canola oil, sunflower oil, safflower oil, meadow foam oil, jojoba oil, hydrogenated vegetable oils, and mineral oil having a mean particle size of no greater than approximately 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , a non-aqueous carrier selected from esters, amides, ethoxylated fats, mineral oil, petrolatum, vegetable oils, animal fats, triglycerides, polyols including glycerol, propylene glycol, glycerin and sorbitol, and an exfoliant, wherein the mean particle size of the L-ascorbic acid is no greater than approximately 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .
24. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said mammal is human.
25. (Canceled)
26. (Canceled)
27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein said L-ascorbic acid has a mean particle size of no greater than approximately 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .
28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein said L-ascorbic acid has a mean particle size between approximately 0.01  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

29. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein said composition comprises greater than 35% ascorbic acid.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said composition comprises, by weight, more L-ascorbic acid than D-ascorbic acid.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said composition comprises, by weight, more L-ascorbic acid than ascorbic acid derivatives.

32. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said composition is essentially free of D-ascorbic acid, and is essentially free of ascorbic acid derivatives.

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36. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein said exfoliant is an enzyme

37. (Original) The method of Claim 36, wherein said enzymatic exfoliant comprises papain.

38. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said non-aqueous carrier comprises glycerin.

39. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein said L-ascorbic acid is micronized in oil.

40. (Original) The method of Claim 39, wherein said oil may be derived from plant materials.

41. (Original) The method of Claim 39, wherein said oil comprises capric/caprylic triglycerides.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein said L-ascorbic acid is prepared by a wet micronization process.

43. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the composition is prepared by a method comprising micronizing ascorbic acid powder in an oil.

44. (Original) The method of Claim 43, wherein said oil is derived from plant materials.

45. (Original) The method of Claim 43, wherein said oil comprises capric/caprylic triglycerides.